(54) Title: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
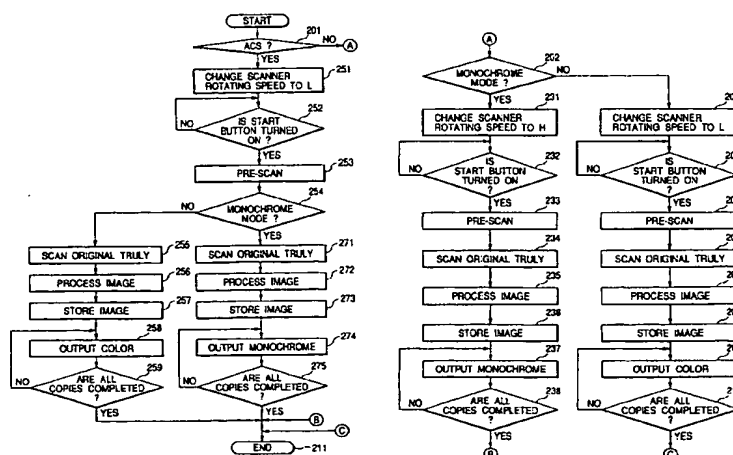
(57) Abstract: An image forming apparatus has image forming portions for forming images of different colors based on image information, a transferring portion for transferring images formed by the image forming portions sequentially in a superimposing manner, an image discriminator for automatically discriminating whether the image information is monochrome or multicolor, an image discriminating operation selector for selecting whether the image discriminator is to be operated, and a mode selector for selecting between a monochrome mode and a multicolor mode when the image discriminating operation selector is not selected. When the image discriminator is selected, the image forming speed in the monochrome and multicolor image formations is set to a first speed, irrespective of the result of the image discriminator. When the monochrome image forming mode is selected, the image forming speed in the monochrome image formation is set to a second speed higher than the first speed.